

## REMARKS

The Office Action of September 28, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

Although section 1 of the Office Action is expressed as an objection to the Abstract, it would appear that an objection to the specification was intended. The present Amendment revises the specification by introducing the word "aluminum" in conjunction with the metal layer. This revision is supported by the disclosure in claim 8. In view of this change, it is respectfully submitted that the objection in section 1 of the Office Action has been overcome.

The present Amendment also revises the specification by introducing terminology that is now used in the claims ("active control region").

In addition, the present Amendment revises several of the claims to improve their form under U.S. claim-drafting practice, and adds new claims 9-11 to further protect the invention.

Section 3 of the Office Action rejects claims 1-8 for obviousness on the basis of the prior art acknowledged in the present application (AAPA) and a published U.S. application by Asano et al. For the sake of convenience, this reference will hereafter be called simply "Asano." The rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons discussed below.

Independent claim 1 provides that a rectangular "opening region" is disposed in a indium tin oxide region. The Office Action draws attention to Asano's Figure 6A, and takes the position that it would have been obvious to modify the AAPA in accordance

with Asano so as to achieve the invention defined by claim 1. It should come as no surprise that Applicant respectfully disagrees with this conclusion.

Asano's Figure 17 and the related description thereof makes it clear that the shape of the opening region that Asano actually uses is irregular, not rectangular. An ordinarily skilled person would understand from Asano's paragraphs [0043]-[0045] that Figure 6A is present in the reference for the purpose of showing red, green, and blue sub-pixels in a delta arrangement, and that the light emitting regions are only shown schematically. If an ordinarily skilled person thought for even the briefest moment that Asano was advocating a rectangular opening region in an indium tin oxide region, he would quickly discard this notion after realizing that the light emitting regions illustrated in Asano's Figure 6A do not leave room for the other components that would be needed in Asano's active matrix display. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Asano reference would not have motivated an ordinarily skilled person to modify the AAPA so as to achieve the invention recited in claim 1.

In short, it is respectfully submitted that an ordinarily skilled person would appreciate that the light emitting regions in Asano's Figure 6A are illustrated only schematically, in order to avoid unnecessary complications while Asano explains a delta-shaped arrangement of sub-pixels, and that an irregular layout such as the one shown in Asano's 17 would be what is actually used in practice.

New independent claim 9 provides that an indium tin oxide region "has an opening region therein with a rectangular shape." For reasons along the lines discussed above with respect to claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that claim 9 is patentable over the AAPA and Asano.

The remaining claims depend from the independent claims discussed above and recite additional limitations to further define the invention. They are therefore patentable along with their independent claims and need not be further discussed.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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